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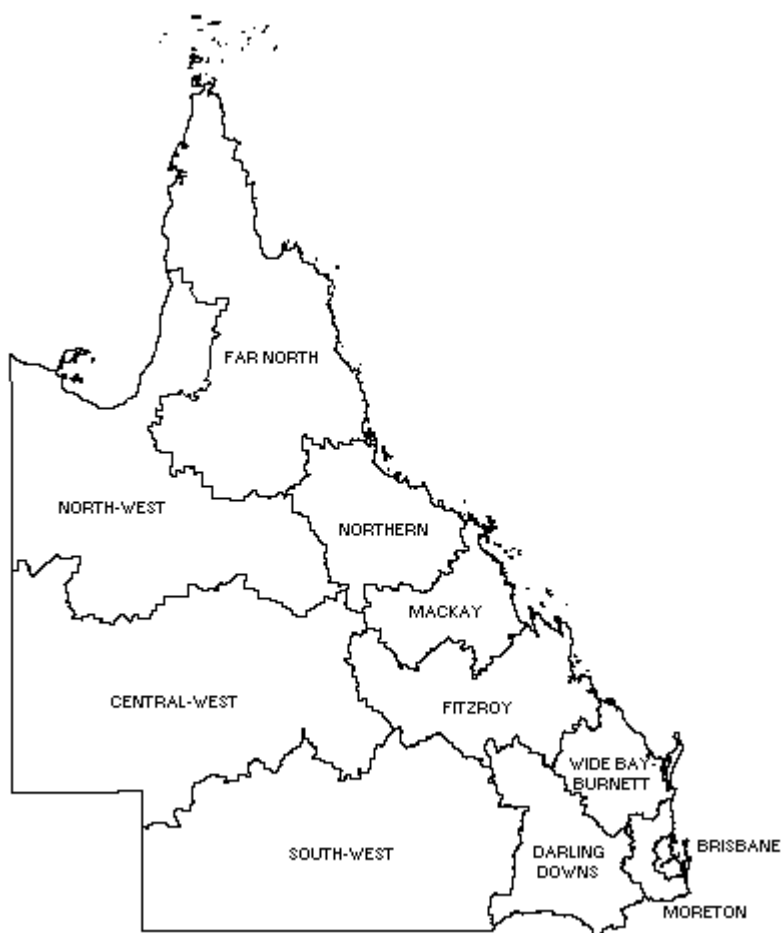
This latest edition of **Regional Statistics, Queensland** can be used to find out key economic and social statistics on the State's legal Local Government Areas and selected Statistical Local Areas.

It includes a map of each region according to the Population and Housing Census boundaries as at June 30 1996 and contains important information relating to:

- Area
- Population
- Dwellings
- Births and deaths
- Building activity
- Business locations
- Agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Schools
- Tourist accommodation
- Local government, and
- Motor vehicles.

Following is a brief sample of this 130 page publication. Table 1 presents information for Queensland's 11 statistical divisions and Table 13 presents information for Queensland's 8 statistical districts (see explanatory notes for definitions). Not shown here are Tables 2 to 12 which present information for all local government areas and statistical local areas (see explanatory notes) within each of the 11 statistical divisions.

STATISTICAL DIVISIONS



For the purpose of presenting the principal series of official statistics for the State, Queensland is divided into a number of geographical areas. These areas consist, for the most part, of aggregations of local government areas.

The primary division of the State is into 11 Statistical Divisions. These are intended to represent as far as possible 'regions' of the State which are characterised by discernible social and/or economic links between the inhabitants and economic units within them, under the unifying influence of one or more major cities or towns. The boundaries of the divisions have accordingly been delineated on the basic criterion that the degree of economic and/or social content and interaction within each division should be maximised. It should be emphasised that the boundaries of the divisions cannot be regarded as sharp lines of demarcation - they may, of necessity, be positioned within peripheral zones in which the influence of two or more 'focal' cities or towns overlap in varying degrees.

TABLE 1 QUEENSLAND, Statistical Divisions

Item	Unit	Brisbane	Moreton	Wide Bay-Burnett	Darling Downs	South-West	Fitzroy
ASGC code	. .	305	310	315	320	325	330
Area at 1 July 1996	sq km	4643	17666	52283	90080	322655	123354
Population							
Estimated resident population at 30 June 1997	No.	1546247	638378	227638	200132	26175	179288
Estimated resident population at 30 June 1996	No.	1519994	618228	224282	199920	26494	178035
Average annual growth rate, 1996 to 1997	%	1.7	3.3	1.5	0.1	-1.2	0.7

Dwellings, 1996 census	No.	574610	274887	95161	78548	11411	70122
Births, 1997–98	No.	21012	7716	3030	2934	475	2735
Deaths, 1997–98	No.	9884	4504	1792	1471	177	1115
Building, 1997–98							
New dwelling units approved	No.	16536	10069	1923	1132	89	1111
Houses	No.	10670	6006	1597	955	83	926
Other residential building	No.	5866	4063	326	177	6	185
Value of residential building approvals	\$'000	1639542	1059138	163758	112602	8801	108465
Value of non-residential building approvals	\$'000	1346742	394556	50421	118725	5646	126346
Business locations, September 1998							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	No.	1538	5105	6061	7329	1741	3316
Mining	No.	210	109	41	34	55	98
Manufacturing	No.	5442	2430	591	605	61	399
Electricity, gas and water supply	No.	142	112	88	72	19	88
Construction	No.	9012	5484	1257	1156	141	1011
Wholesale trade	No.	6999	2118	551	720	110	548
Retail trade	No.	12973	6577	1842	1857	274	1548
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	No.	2273	2000	543	499	127	448
Transport and storage	No.	4012	1703	716	815	149	689
Communication services	No.	467	190	80	71	31	65
Finance and insurance	No.	3287	1385	299	355	35	287
Property and business services	No.	16252	6794	978	1032	110	1033
Government administration and defence	No.	603	115	107	115	41	111
Education	No.	1803	692	337	357	67	281
Health and community services	No.	6502	2438	715	865	133	649
Cultural and recreational services	No.	1756	880	203	222	44	235
Personal and other services	No.	4043	1838	610	670	146	526
Total	No.	77314	39970	15019	16774	3284	11332
Agriculture, year ended 31 March 1997							
Number of establishments	No.	1132	4300	5416	6854	1739	3064
Total area of establishments	ha	93331	939049	3786188	7810625	3041225	110626983
Value of agricultural commodities produced	\$'000	207095	549880	616641	1371673	414477	473285
Manufacturing, 1996–97							
Locations at 30 June	No.	4856	2164	548	552	64	352
Turnover of manufacturing establishments	\$'000	2579200	456500	243500	282600	n.p.	273400
Wages and salaries(a)	\$'000	17101100	2276900	1470400	1924000	n.p.	2478900
Schools, 1998							
Government schools	No.	365	194	145	139	35	105
Non-government schools	No.	170	52	27	43	6	29
Tourist accommodation, 1997–98(b)							
Establishments at 30 June	No.	150	228	67	61	17	79
Rooms/units at 30 June	No.	9082	15430	2076	1509	417	2938
Room occupancy rate	%	61.8	59.3	52.1	52.8	53.4	55.5
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	183744	334755	26973	17970	4316	46183
Local government, 1993–94							
Total outlays, all funds	\$'000	(c)1894138	n.a.	190997	167562	51536	164593
Total receipts, all funds	\$'000	(c)1878582	n.a.	194450	177507	53043	172211
Value of rateable property at 30 June 1994	\$'000	(c)53831512	n.a.	3083718	3168957	371163	2337880
Motor vehicles on register at 30 June 1998							
Passenger cars	No.	(c)1133264	n.a.	97881	91935	9144	75848
Light commercial vehicles	No.	(c)204871	n.a.	32219	33739	6976	27424
Trucks, prime movers, buses and motorcycles	No.	(c)78596	n.a.	13254	12945	1847	9775

(a) Excludes the drawings of working proprietors.

(b) Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

(c) Brisbane and Moreton Statistical Divisions.

TABLE 1 QUEENSLAND, Statistical Divisions (continued)

Item	Unit	Central-	Mackay	Northern	Far	North-Queensland
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		West			North		West
ASGC code	..	335	340	345	350	355	300
Area at 1 July 1996	sq km	370089	68997	100951	268306(c)	311286	1730311
Population							
Estimated resident population at 30 June 1997	No.	12374	122461	193331	215199	35848	3397071
Estimated resident population at 30 June 1996	No.	12521	120324	192179	210766	35947	3338690
Average annual growth rate, 1996 to 1997	%	-1.2	1.8	0.6	2.1	-0.3	1.7
Dwellings, 1996 census	No.	5506	46899	74291	84600	13762	1329797
Births, 1997–98	No.	224	1883	2893	3328	716	(d)47 048
Deaths, 1997–98	No.	89	621	1305	1212	197	(e)22494
Building, 1997–98							
New dwelling units approved	No.	44	1103	1517	2100	130	35754
Houses	No.	27	890	1178	1567	114	24013
Other residential building	No.	17	213	339	533	16	11741
Value of residential building approvals	\$'000	4097	120739	164216	211545	15222	3608125
Value of non-residential building approvals	\$'000	6214	47935	208299	127265	19889	2452038
Business locations, September 1998							
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	No.	700	2356	2362	3523	523	34554
Mining	No.	7	69	97	75	35	830
Manufacturing	No.	19	351	488	603	82	11071
Electricity, gas and water supply	No.	21	50	50	63	24	729
Construction	No.	95	768	1131	1505	137	21697
Wholesale trade	No.	43	391	709	662	122	12973
Retail trade	No.	125	1100	1755	2310	299	30660
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	No.	80	384	479	882	129	7844
Transport and storage	No.	90	524	618	982	166	10464
Communication services	No.	13	57	60	99	21	1154
Finance and insurance	No.	19	209	302	330	36	6544
Property and business services	No.	53	752	1160	1518	148	29830
Government administration and defence	No.	31	46	114	162	48	1493
Education	No.	45	177	276	331	80	4446
Health and community services	No.	49	401	704	800	158	13414
Cultural and recreational services	No.	29	161	237	332	42	4141
Personal and other services	No.	75	332	517	627	109	9493
Total	No.	1494	8128	11059	14804	2159	201337
Agriculture, year ended 31 March 1997							
Number of establishments	No.	707	2162	2073	3040	500	30987
Total area of establishments	ha	32618336	623043	94821621	894081130	126567	151066733
Value of agricultural commodities produced	\$'000	180661	487652	627329	593582	154817	5677093
Manufacturing, 1996–97							
Locations at 30 June	No.	20	289	459	521	63	9888
Turnover of manufacturing establishments	\$'000	2400	183200	209100	173000	n.p.	4458700
Wages and salaries(a)	\$'000	13200	1237400	1792000	1024300	n.p.	30144500
Schools, 1998							
Government schools	No.	20	71	88	120	27	1309
Non-government schools	No.	4	16	34	31	7	419
Tourist accommodation, 1997–98(b)							
Establishments at 30 June	No.	10	69	56	148	21	906
Rooms/units at 30 June	No.	245	3981	2398	9908	563	48547
Room occupancy rate	%	54.2	58.0	61.7	58.3	58.4	58.7
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	2898	95308	39076	244599	7277	1003100
Local government, 1993–94							
Total outlays, all funds	\$'000	44753	111947	185438	199441	59328	3069732
Total receipts, all funds	\$'000	44412	111125	179331	194314	54791	3059766
Value of rateable property at 30 June 1994	\$'000	183948	1834052	2569910	4258442	239531	71879113
Motor vehicles on register at 30 June 1998							
Passenger cars	No.	3895	51905	85296	85840	14345	1649353
Light commercial vehicles	No.	3258	20711	30623	32672	7083	399576
Trucks, prime movers, buses and motorcycles	No.	947	7315	10859	11448	2462	149448

- (a) Excludes the drawings of working proprietors.
 (b) Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.
 (c) Including unincorporated islands.
 (d) Including 90 overseas usual residents and 12 Queensland undefined.
 (e) Including 93 overseas usual residents, 21 no fixed place of abode, 13 undefined.

TABLE 13 QUEENSLAND, Statistical Districts

Item	Unit	Gold Coast– Tweed (Queensland part)	Sunshine Coast	Bundaberg	Rockhampton
ASGC code	. .	3139	3042	3045	3048
Area at 1 July 1996	sq km	1106	460	254	206
Population					
Estimated resident population at 30 June 1997	No.	326665	162020	54754	64412
Estimated resident population at 30 June 1996	No.	314962	156407	54051	64518
Average annual growth rate, 1996% to 1997		3.7	3.6	1.3	-0.2
Dwellings, 1996 census	No.	143894	75573	21745	24789
Births, 1997–98	No.	3868	1917	802	926
Deaths, 1997–98	No.	2383	1307	477	586
Building, 1997–98					
New dwelling units approved	No.	6017	2805	450	231
Houses	No.	2920	1870	398	169
Other residential building	No.	3097	935	52	62
Value of residential building approvals	\$'000	624236	306111	43384	21207
Value of non-residential building approvals	\$'000	228160	125132	11853	18401
Business locations, September 1998					
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	No.	288	270	311	261
Mining	No.	46	18	3	12
Manufacturing	No.	1402	617	172	134
Electricity, gas and water supply	No.	24	23	11	9
Construction	No.	2956	1546	350	333
Wholesale trade	No.	1255	549	183	227
Retail trade	No.	3609	1978	539	689
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	No.	1067	620	132	169
Transport and storage	No.	865	337	134	197
Communication services	No.	90	53	16	19
Finance and insurance	No.	901	371	110	153
Property and business services	No.	4233	1777	305	396
Government administration and defence	No.	45	40	24	43
Education	No.	309	156	64	83
Health and community services	No.	1281	768	205	319
Cultural and recreational services	No.	533	197	62	97
Personal and other services	No.	912	481	135	207
Total	No.	19816	9801	2756	3348
Agriculture, year ended 31 March 1997					
Number of establishments	No.	163	80	41	268
Total area of establishments	ha	10744	6609	4949	328099
Value of agricultural commodities produced	\$'000	17625	8972	8348	15411
Manufacturing, 1996–97					
Locations at 30 June	No.	1208	546	159	122

Turnover of manufacturing establishments	\$'000	260500	93900	74700	62500
Wages and salaries(a)	\$'000	1297600	465500	427900	400500
Schools, 1998					
Government schools	No.	52	34	20	20
Non-government schools	No.	25	14	8	14
Tourist accommodation, 1997-98(b)					
Establishments at 30 June	No.	128	84	14	34
Rooms/units at 30 June	No.	11595	3265	344	n.p.
Room occupancy rate	%	60.2	58.7	64.1	n.p.
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	248035	78219	4768	n.p.

(a) Excludes the drawings of working proprietors.

(b) Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

TABLE 13 QUEENSLAND, Statistical Districts (continued)

Item	Unit	Gladstone	Mackay	Townsville	Cairns
ASGC code	. .	3051	3054	3057	3061
Area at 1 July 1996	sq km	584	257	455	488
Population					
Estimated resident population at 30 June 1997	No.	38004	62379	123328	109404
Estimated resident population at 30 June 1996	No.	37347	61078	122415	106694
Average annual growth rate, 1996% to 1997		1.8	2.1	0.7	2.5
Dwellings, 1996 census	No.	14031	23042	45927	43303
Births, 1997-98	No.	620	1034	1901	1697
Deaths, 1997-98	No.	164	398	700	544
Building, 1997-98					
New dwelling units approved	No.	328	666	1273	1342
Houses	No.	304	543	956	921
Other residential building	No.	24	123	317	421
Value of residential building approvals	\$'000	36683	73872	139366	130716
Value of non-residential building approvals	\$'000	70739	26549	188912	98093
Business locations, September 1998					
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	No.	280	219	143	244
Mining	No.	7	13	43	31
Manufacturing	No.	124	219	330	361
Electricity, gas and water supply	No.	21	13	19	11
Construction	No.	289	465	730	920
Wholesale trade	No.	121	276	545	445
Retail trade	No.	329	690	1216	1351
Accommodation, cafes and restaurants	No.	82	158	290	439
Transport and storage	No.	159	226	365	542
Communication services	No.	13	26	41	51
Finance and insurance	No.	61	157	216	244
Property and business services	No.	311	479	897	1065
Government administration and defence	No.	21	22	75	63
Education	No.	46	86	147	119
Health and community services	No.	120	257	527	447
Cultural and recreational services	No.	51	74	159	189
Personal and other services	No.	96	168	347	326
Total	No.	2131	3548	6090	6848
Agriculture, year ended 31 March 1997					
Number of establishments	No.	244	102	56	58

Total area of establishments	ha	367933	11888	28510	3952
Value of agricultural commodities produced	\$'000	13187	20335	8130	7072
Manufacturing, 1996–97					
Locations at 30 June	No.	119	191	313	308
Turnover of manufacturing establishments	\$'000	151900	133100	128500	84900
Wages and salaries(a)	\$'000	1587200	779100	1114600	435600
Schools, 1998					
Government schools	No.	13	18	34	24
Non-government schools	No.	5	12	16	16
Tourist accommodation, 1997–98(b)					
Establishments at 30 June	No.	18	38	41	86
Rooms/units at 30 June	No.	n.p.	n.p.	1993	6808
Room occupancy rate	%	n.p.	n.p.	63.0	63.6
Takings from accommodation	\$'000	n.p.	n.p.	33188	162893

(a) Excludes the drawings of working proprietors.

(b) Hotels, motels, guest houses and serviced apartments with 15 or more rooms or units.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

DEFINITIONS

1 Legal local government areas (LGAs), are spatial units which represent the geographical areas of incorporated local government councils, such as cities (C), towns (T) and shires (S).

2 Statistical divisions, which are groupings of whole or partial LGAs, are designed to be relatively homogeneous regions characterised by identifiable social and economic units within the region.

3 Statistical districts have been defined around selected urban areas to provide comparable statistics over a period of time. These districts, which are intended to contain the anticipated urban spread for at least 20 years, are generally defined as having a population of 25,000 or more and experiencing urban growth beyond the LGA boundaries.

4 Data for some series shown in Tables 1 to 12 which are available for statistical districts are shown on pages 108 and 109.

5 Statistical local areas are the smallest types of spatial units in the Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) for which data are shown in this publication. In general, they correspond to LGAs in non-urban areas or suburbs in major urban areas.

6 The area in square kilometres of statistical areas is derived from digitised statistical boundaries from the 1996 Census.

7 Data in this publication relate to the period 1993–94 to 1998–99, over which time there have been four versions of ASGC used. Each data set is presented according to the ASGC version current at the time of collection.

- ASGC Edition 2.4 applies to Local government.
- ASGC 1996 Edition applies to Estimated resident population, Births, Deaths, Building Agriculture, Manufacturing, Schools, Tourist accommodation and Vehicles on register.
- ASGC 1998 Edition applies to Business locations.

8 Estimated resident populations shown are based on the 1996 Census of Population and Housing counts adjusted for under-enumeration, as measured by a post-enumeration survey, plus the estimated number of residents temporarily overseas.

9 Dwelling counts for the 1996 Census of Population and Housing include occupied private dwellings (including caravans in caravan parks), non-private dwellings (hotels, hospitals, etc.) and unoccupied dwellings.

10 Figures shown for births and deaths relate to the resident population of the area for which they are shown.

11 Business locations data are classified according to Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC).

12 Statistics of building work approved are compiled from: (a) permits issued by local government authorities in areas subject to building control by the relevant authorities and (b) contracts let or day labour work authorised by Commonwealth, State, semi-government and local government authorities. Major building activity which takes place in areas not subject to the normal administrative approval processes (e.g. mining leases) is also included. The number of dwelling units created by alterations and additions to existing buildings, i.e. buildings other than dwellings, is not included.

13 Location. A location is a physical unit of an establishment, usually of an unbroken physical area or site.

14 Data for motor vehicles on register were provided by Queensland Department of Transport.

15 Motor vehicles data exclude Commonwealth Government owned vehicles.

16 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between totals and sums of the component items.

About this Release

ABOUT THIS RELEASE

Merger of: 1306.3 and 1313.3. Replaced by 1362.3

Varied range of data included for legal Local Government Areas, Statistical Districts and Statistical Divisions. A comparison of metropolitan to ex-metropolitan is also included.